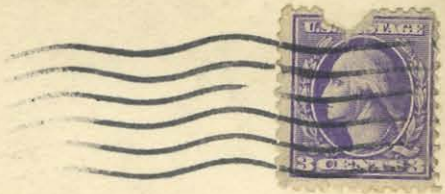

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Saturday: —

Precious Sweetheart: —

Have just received your Wednesday letter; - your big letter, dear, was wonderful and I shall answer it to-morrow. You certainly were blue Wednesday, weren't you, love? I do hope, precious that you have entirely gotten over it by now, and dear, I certainly do wish that I were there to console you.

As to Ben Lex - dear - why so surprised & disappointed? I am not surprised, and frankly speaking I am tickled to death that it only cost you $5 to find out what he is. Dear, I want you to promise me that you will never have anything to do with him. I never liked him and now positively hate him if it can be expressed by the word hate. When you, as he knew, were in service, wounded besides, your hands bound so that you could

not earn a cent more than the Government allotted you, he being free, was at liberty to earn what he could. How can any man, take $5 at a time like than, especially from one he called "friend". Honey he is nothing but a skunk and a rat, — for not only has he played a trick like that on you, but on many more. Perhaps because you were his friend he let you off with only $5. And he preaches Christian. Never, as long as I live will I ever have anything to do with that "gentleman" — not that I ever intended to, but since he was a ~~fellow~~ brother lawyer of yours I thought to extend him ordinary, civil courtesies. Ashamed being of that calibre disgusts me — especially he, when I think of his airs and flowery talk. Honey, for my sake, never have anything to do with him — not so much as an exchange of a word — and dear, if he should ever try his charm and smooth talk with you, I can assure you he shall regret it. I shall never forget or forgive what he has done — and shall never forget the type that he is. To take $5 from his acknowledged best friend and then deliberately lie about it — love dear, he positively makes me sick — makes me so ill that I am going to stop right now — but dear, I mean every word that I said.

Why, honey, do you have to wait 3 months to become a notary Republic? Is that the time it requires? I am pleased that you applied for it, & do hope you get it, as it will mean a few dollars for you. Did you hear any thing about that man working to be taught English? Hope, dear, you get him; it may all mean a few dollars and here and there it will soon accumulate. And I am positive it will all come, just as Mr. Ragan helps you. As to the measure bill, well dear, I simply wish that you make it. Don't become blue or discouraged over it, and dear, I would you even feel just a little

"Hurry" you must tell me all about it; just as I once wrote you, I feel that way.

I write you about the furniture to-morrow. I do hope ~~hope~~ hope that everything will go smoothly with you so that, at least, I will be down the beginning of May. Do you think dear it will possibly be later than that? Let me know, precious.

I am enclosing the slip that came to your mother's home this morning. I am happy to say that mam is her old self again around and happier than I have seen her for some time. What she needs is company — either some one to go up & talk to her & so give her other things to think about — or else to get out a bit more. But, dear, she is certainly improving — and as time is the best healer I hope, she will feel much better

well, honey, you can expect a big letter to-morrow, and must say that book full is a long, long time coming. I think I shall have to keep you waiting a long time too. Shall I write at noon. With all, all my love and kiss to my precious baby — I'll close for now, darling.